Forest Service **Region One** 

Northern Region 200 East Broadway Missoula, MT 59802

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Date: February 25, 2015

Barbara Sachau 2 Glenway Flemington, NJ 08822

## Dear Ms. Sachau:

I have received what you refer to as an "appeal" of the Clear Creek Integrated Resource Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision Draft ROD, prepared by Nez Perce Clearwater Forest Supervisor Cheryl Probert. After the documents were mailed out, the Forest discovered some minor errors in the Draft ROD and FEIS. Also, an important consultation meeting with the Nez Perce Tribe about the project that was originally scheduled for February 10 had to be rescheduled for February 24. Therefore, the Forest Supervisor withdrew the documents and the objection period. Since the documents have been temporarily withdrawn and changed, and there presently is no objection period, I must dismiss your "appeal" without review.

As I wrote to you (as Jean Public) on January 15, 2015, concerning your "appeal" of the Lower Orogrande project, we no longer use the appeal process, but rather we use the pre-decisional administrative review procedures found at 36 CFR Part 218, Subparts A and B, commonly referred to as the Objection Process. Under the Objection Process, your objection (*not appeal*) of a project must contain specific items for me to consider: These specific items are: 1) your name, address, and phone number; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request; 3) the name of the lead objector if there are more than one objector; 4) the name of the proposed project, the name of the Responsible Official and the name of the National Forest; 5) a list of your issues or concerns and your suggested remedies that would resolve your objection; and 6) a statement that demonstrates a connection between your objection and the comments you had previously submitted to the Forest about the project.

If you chose to object to the Clear Creek IRP after you have read the updated draft ROD and FEIS, I would appreciate it if you would include all the specific items I listed above (items 1 through 6) so that I may correctly understand and review your objection. The three most important items are your correct name (item 1), a list of your issues and suggested remedies (item 5), and demonstrating the connection between your previous comments and your objection (item 6). Please note: The Forest had no record that you commented on the Clear Creek IRP because you had submitted your comments under your email name of 'Jean Public', rather than your real name, Barbara Sachau. It is important to use your correct name throughout the process, so the Forest and I understand that you *have* commented on the project at some time in the





process. Otherwise we might not realize you have standing to bring an objection, and incorrectly dismiss you objection from review.

If you have any questions about the Objection Process or this project, please contact our Regional Objection Coordinator Raymond Smith (at 406 329-3381 or <a href="mailto:raysmith@fs.fed.us">raysmith@fs.fed.us</a>). He will be able to answer any of your questions. Thank you for your interest in your National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Raymond G. Smith (for) DAVID E. SCHMID Acting Regional Forester

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